Recent Indo-Nepal talks

186. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY:
SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indo-Nepal talks were held in February, 1990; and

(b) if so, what were the main features of the talks and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The talks covered a wide range of subjects of mutual interest: trade, transit, economic & industrial cooperation, security perceptions, treatment of each other's nationals etc. Progress was made towards a comprehensive solution of all outstanding problems. During the next round of official talks, work could begin on the documents that would comprise a broad framework of the close and age old Indo-Nepal relationship, and strengthen it on an enduring basis.

Talks with the Foreign Minister of Pakistan on Terrorists-Training Camps etc.

187. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently the Foreign Minister of Pakistan had visited India and that the matter regarding training camps for terrorists in Pakistan was taken up with him;

(b) if so, what are the details of the talks held in this regard; and

(c) what other specific issues besides the problems in Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab were discussed and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Our concern at Pakistan's involvement in terrorist activities directed against India in Jammu & Kashmir was suitably conveyed to the Pakistan Foreign Minister. Their involvement was contrary to the letter and spirit of Shimla Agreement, and was not conducive to establishment of friendly, peaceful and harmonious relations between our two countries. It was also reiterated that Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of India and any interference in our internal affairs would not be tolerated.

(c) During the visit, bilateral relations between the two countries was reviewed.

It was agreed that discussions would continue at all levels including the Defence, Home and Water Resources Secretaries to tackle pending issues and that the India-Pakistan Joint Commission would meet in the first half of 1990.

Assassination of Srinagar Doordarshan Director

188. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news that appeared in the Hindustan Times dated 14th February, 1990 that Director of Srinagar Doordarshan has been gunned down; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard and what steps Government have taken to protect the lives of public servants in the States?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) The Government are aware of the tragic death of Director of Srinagar Doordarshan.

(b) The Government have taken necessary steps to provide protection to personnel working in Radio and Doordarshan Kendra at Srinagar. At present, the telecasts are being made from Jammu.

Pak plan to train subversives in Azad Kashmir

189. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news which appeared in Hindustan Times dated the 14th February, 1990 to the effect that Pak plan to train 10,000 subversives in Azad Kashmir; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) While the exact figure of 10,000 Kashmiri youth mentioned in the article in the Hindustan Times can not be confirmed, the fact of a large number of youth being trained in POK/Pak with the intention of being infiltrated back into the Valley has been borne out by the interrogation of the arrested militants. The involvement of the Afghan Mujahideen in training the Kashmiri militants has also been substantiated.

Recruitments in para-military forces in connection with recent Lok Sabha elections

190. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had appointed some employees in B.S.F./C.R.P.F./I.T.B.P. in connection with the work of Lok Sabha elections during 1989;

(b) if so, the number of employees (force-wise) who were appointed; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the services of some of these employees have been terminated; if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) and (b) The information relating to the number of persons appointed in B.S.F./C.R.P.F./I.T.B.P. in connection with the work of Lok Sabha elections during 1989 is as under:—

	Constables	Followers	Tradesmen	Total
BSF	3203	450	33	3686
CRPF	7607	1036	76	8719
ITBP	952	129	9	1090